

I feel that broadcast ownership needs to be further restricted instead of the current trend to increase the percentage of viewer audiences one station can reach. With the trend of mergers and takeovers, our country can't afford to sacrifice the diversity and independence of newsbroadcasters by allowing an increase of ownership by single corporations. The number of corporations are decreasing, while the remaining broadcasters have shown the trend to use broadcast control for personal policy and agendas through their policies and their actions. Clear channel is a prime example of the chilling effect corporate ownership has had on the free speech rights of both its employers and its listeners. The decision to relax FCC rules further will, in my opinion, most likely lead to a new age of yellow journalism that can not be tolerated if we hope to remain a free and democratic country. Thank you